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The reply filed on 8/29/02 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment does not comply with Rule 1.126. The amendment purports to add a new "claim 51". However, this does not comply with Rule 1.126 because there are already claims 1-53 in the application. Revision of the amendment is required to comply with Rule 1.126. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert C. Watson whose telephone number is 703 308-1747. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. - Thurs. , 5:30am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail III can be reached on 703 308-2687. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703 305-3579 for regular communications and 703 305-9835 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703 308-1148.

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